

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection to Claim 16 Under 37 CFR 1.75

This potential objection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 16.

2. Objection to the Drawings Under 37 CFR 1.83(a)

This objection, for failure to show the subject matter of claims 5, 6, 13, and 15, has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 5, 6, 13, and 15.

3. Rejection of Claims 5, 6, 13, 15, and 16 Under 35 USC §112, 1st Paragraph

This rejection has also been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 5, 6, 13, 15, and 16.

4. Rejection of Claims 18 and 19 Under 35 USC §112, 2nd Paragraph

This rejection has been addressed by amending claims 18 and 19 to positively recite –an oil-returning groove– rather than “the oil-returning groove.”

Having thus overcome each of the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, and in view of the indicated allowability of each of the pending claims, withdrawal of the objections and rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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